

of side panels, a floor panel and a top panel, wherein at least one of such panels serves as an entrance to the enclosable area; b) at least one selectively openable exhaust vent in at least one of the panels; and c) a laminate covering at least one side of at least one of the panels, where the laminate is compatible with a sterilization process used to sterilize the contents of  
5 the container.

7. (Once amended) The resposable container of claim 1 wherein the sterilization process employs sterilizing agents chosen from the group consisting [is chosen from a group comprising at least one] of microwave, steam-microwave, electron beam irradiation,  
10 irradiation, ultraviolet light, dry heat, convection heat, convection steam, gamma irradiation, hydrogen peroxide, ethylene oxide, ozone, steam unwrapped method, steam gravity displacement wrapped method, steam pulse-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, steam pre-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, paracetic acid, chlorine dioxide, gas plasma, formaldehyde-low temperature steam, microwave--bactericide, xenon lamp, glass bead, vacuum ovens, heat  
15 conduction ovens, forced air ovens, solvent venting ovens, anprolene gas.

13. (Once amended) The resposable container of claim 8 wherein the sterilization process employs sterilizing agents chosen from the group consisting [is chosen from a group comprising at least one] of microwave, steam-microwave, electron beam irradiation,  
20 irradiation, ultraviolet light, dry heat, convection heat, convection steam, gamma irradiation, hydrogen peroxide, ethylene oxide, ozone, steam unwrapped method, steam gravity displacement wrapped method, steam pulse-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, steam pre-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, paracetic acid, chlorine dioxide, gas plasma, formaldehyde-low temperature steam, microwave--bactericide, xenon lamp, glass bead, vacuum ovens, heat  
25 conduction ovens, forced air ovens, solvent venting ovens, anprolene gas.

20. (Once amended) The resposable container of claim 14 wherein the sterilization process employs sterilizing agents chosen from the group consisting [is chosen from a group comprising at least one] of microwave, steam-microwave, electron beam irradiation,  
30 irradiation, ultraviolet light, dry heat, convection heat, convection steam, gamma irradiation, hydrogen peroxide, ethylene oxide, ozone, steam unwrapped method, steam gravity displacement wrapped method, steam pulse-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, steam pre-

vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, paracetic acid, chlorine dioxide, gas plasma, formaldehyde-low temperature steam, microwave--bactericide, xenon lamp, glass bead, vacuum ovens, heat conduction ovens, forced air ovens, solvent venting ovens, anprolene gas.

5        21. (Once amended) A resposable container usable for storage, transport, disposal and sterilization of contents, the container comprising: a) an enclosable area comprised of a series of side panels, a floor panel and a top panel, wherein at least one of such panels serves as an entrance to the enclosable area; b) at least one selectively openable exhaust vent in at least one of the panels; and c) wherein the resposable container is comprised of a material means  
10      for compatibility with a sterilization process used to sterilize its contents.

15        27. (Once amended) The resposable container of claim 21 wherein the sterilization process employs sterilizing agents chosen from the group consisting [is chosen from a group comprising at least one] of microwave, steam-microwave, electron beam irradiation, irradiation, ultraviolet light, dry heat, convection heat, convection steam, gamma irradiation, hydrogen peroxide, ethylene oxide, ozone, steam unwrapped method, steam gravity displacement wrapped method, steam pulse-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, steam pre-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, paracetic acid, chlorine dioxide, gas plasma, formaldehyde-low temperature steam, microwave--bactericide, xenon lamp, glass bead, vacuum ovens, heat  
20      conduction ovens, forced air ovens, solvent venting ovens, anprolene gas.

25        28. (Once amended) A resposable container usable for storage, transport, disposal and sterilization of contents, the container comprising: a) an enclosable area comprised of a series of side panels, a floor panel and a top panel, wherein at least one of such panels serves as an entrance to the enclosable area; b) at least one selectively openable exhaust vent in at least one of the panels; and c) wherein the container is comprised of a material compatible with a sterilization process used to sterilize its contents.

30        34. (Once amended) The resposable container of claim 28 wherein the sterilization process employs sterilizing agents chosen from the group consisting [is chosen from a group comprising at least one] of microwave, steam-microwave, electron beam irradiation, irradiation, ultraviolet light, dry heat, convection heat, convection steam, gamma irradiation,

hydrogen peroxide, ethylene oxide, ozone, steam unwrapped method, steam gravity displacement wrapped method, steam pulse-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, steam pre-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, paracetic acid, chlorine dioxide, gas plasma, formaldehyde-low temperature steam, microwave--bactericide, xenon lamp, glass bead, vacuum ovens, heat conduction ovens, forced air ovens, solvent venting ovens, anprolene gas.

5           35. (Once amended) A resposable container usable for storage, transport, disposal and sterilization of contents, the container comprising: a) an enclosable area comprised of a series of side panels, a floor panel and a top panel, wherein at least one of such panels serves as an entrance to the enclosable area; b) at least one selectively openable exhaust vent in at least one of the panels; and d) a laminate covering at least one side of at least one of the panels, where the laminate is compatible with a sterilization process used to sterilize the contents of the container and where the sterilization process employs sterilizing agents chosen from the group consisting [is chosen from a group comprising at least one] of microwave, steam-microwave, electron beam irradiation, irradiation, ultraviolet light, dry heat, convection heat, convection steam, gamma irradiation, hydrogen peroxide, ethylene oxide, ozone, steam unwrapped method, steam gravity displacement wrapped method, steam pulse-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, steam pre-vacuum wrapped or unwrapped, paracetic acid, chlorine dioxide, gas plasma, formaldehyde-low temperature steam, microwave--bactericide, xenon lamp, glass bead, vacuum ovens, heat conduction ovens, forced air ovens, solvent venting ovens, anprolene gas.

10           41. (Once amended) A resposable container usable for storage, transport, disposal and sterilization of contents, the container comprising: a) an enclosable area comprised of a series of side panels, a floor panel and a top panel, wherein at least one of such panels serves as an entrance to the enclosable area; b) at least one selectively openable exhaust vent in at least one of the panels; and e) at least one of the panels substantially constructed of a material that is compatible with a sterilization process used to sterilize the contents of the container and where the sterilization process is process employs sterilizing agents chosen from the group consisting [is chosen from a group comprising at least one] of microwave, steam-microwave, electron beam irradiation, irradiation, ultraviolet light, dry heat, convection heat, convection steam, gamma irradiation, hydrogen peroxide, ethylene oxide, ozone, steam unwrapped